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Applicant: Eiji KASUTANI

Title: IMAGE RETRIEVING
APPARATUS, IMAGE
RETRIEVING METHOD AND
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR
RECORDING PROGRAM TO
IMPLEMENT THE IMAGE
RETRIEVING METHOD

Appl. No.: 09/955,142

Filing Date: 09/19/2001

Examiner: Mishawn N. Dunn

Art Unit: 2621

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DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned hereby declares and states as follows:

1. At the time the claimed invention of U.S. Patent App. No. 09/955,142 was made, NEC USA, Inc. was a wholly owned subsidiary of NEC Corporation.
2. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) certifies that he is empowered to sign this Declaration on behalf of the assignee of U.S. Patent App. No. 09/955,142. The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States

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Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

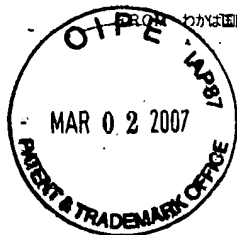
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The undersigned, Eiji Kasutani, hereby declares and states as follows:

1. I am the inventor named in U.S. Patent App. No. 09/955,142, filed September 19, 2001, which claims priority to Japan Patent App. No. 2000-307775, filed October 6, 2000.
2. At the time the claimed invention of U.S. Patent App. No. 09/955,142 was made, I was under an obligation to assign the invention to NEC Corporation.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that

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Respectfully submitted,

Date 31 January 2007

Eiji Kasutani

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